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1. DEPTOFF READ REFTEL OVER TELEPHONE TO BOUDIN AND DONOVAN. DONOVAN EXPRESSED STRONG OPINION THAT PLEA-BARGAIN OFFER WOULD BE BEST RECEIVED BY HARCOS/FLETCHER IF INDIAN OFFICIALS (PREFERABLY DEFENSE ATTORNEYS) COMMUNICATED IT TO THEM. SHE PREFERS DEFENSE ATTORNEYS RATHER THAN PROSECUTION AT THIS POINT BECAUSE SHE FEARS THAT IF LOCAL PROSECUTOR IS MADE AWARE OF AND BROUGHT INTO PLEA-BARGAINING PROCESS TOO SOON, HE WILL TRY TO SABOTAGE POLITICIANS' EFFORTS TO COMPROMISE CASE.

2. DONOVAN SAID NOTHING ABOUT PUBLICIZING CASE IN US. BOUDIN TRYING TO RAISE MONEY FOR DEFENSE BY CIRCULATING "AMONG A FEW FRIENDS" LETTER OF SOLICITATION CONTAINING, HE SAYS, "SOMEWHAT SHARP" STATEMENTS ABOUT GOI'S HANDLING

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OF CASE. HOWEVER, HE SEEMED INCLINED NOT TO TRY REAL

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